MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): There is nothing to prevent Government from doing that. But Government thought that the better course would be to have a set of rules to deal with them.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know why this question was pending before the Government for over a year?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The answer is given in part (*b*). The answer is:

"*The draft rules called for from the Inspector in charge of Ayurveda Department have not been received.*"

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know whether there is any special reason why this question has been pending for over a year?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I do not know. Probably, the Inspector is consulting similar rules obtaining elsewhere. But reminders are being issued from the Secretariat.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know whether the Government have called for an explanation from the Inspector for the inordinate delay?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Not yet.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know whether the Government think that this delay is inevitable?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): They do not think so. On the other hand, they are reminding him. But no explanation has been called for from him for the delay.

Establishment of more grant-in-aid vaidyasalas.

37. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is a fact that a proposal for establishing ten more grant-in-aid *vaidyasalas* was placed before, and approved by the Standing Finance Committee before the Budget Estimate for 1105 M. E. was prepared;

(*b*) if so, whether provision is made in the current year's (1105) Budget for the opening of ten more grant-in-aid *vaidyasalas*;

(*c*) if not, why provision is not made in the current year's Budget for opening ten more grant-in-aid *vaidyasalas*;

(*d*) whether the Director of Ayurveda has recommended the opening of any grant-in-aid *vaidyasalas* during 1105, and, if so, how many and at what places; and

(*e*) whether any grant-in-aid *vaidyasalas* were opened during 1105 M. E., and, if so, how many and at what places?

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) On further consideration, the Government consider it advisable to restrict the number to five.

(*d*) Yes; but the Government do not propose to publish the recommendations of the Head of the Department in the matter.

(*e*) Two grant-in-aid *vaidyasalas* have been opened, one at Kaladi in the Trivandrum taluk and the other at Tovala.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): With reference to the answer to part (*a*) of the question, may I know on what considerations the Government placed before the Finance Committee the proposal to open ten more *vaidyasalas* during the current year?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The Inspector of Ayurveda made a proposal and that was placed before the Finance Committee. On a further consideration of the pace at which the department should progress in the matter of opening new *vaidyasalas*, Government came to the conclusion that five *vaidyasalas* alone need be opened this year; and they therefore restricted the number to five at the time the draft Budget was finally prepared.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): With reference to the answer to part (*c*) of the question, may I know what were the further considerations which weighed with the Government in restricting the number to five?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I have already answered that question. Subsequent to the Finance Committee meeting, Government felt that it would be enough if five new *vaidyasalas* were opened in the year. Government had already reached the maximum *viz.*, 120 *vaidyasalas*.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether it was after considering the merits of the recommendations of the Departmental Head that the proposal was placed before the Finance Committee?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): It may be so.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Now, Sir, may I know whether the Government was justified constitutionally in vetoing a proposal passed by the Finance Committee?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): It is not unjustifiable. We are not asking now for more *Vaidyasalas*. We have made provision only for a lesser number of *Vaidyasalas* than what the Finance Committee approved.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): With reference to the answer to part (*b*) of the question, may I know the number of *Vaidyasalas* recommended by the Departmental Head to be opened in 1105?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I have already answered that question.

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MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know, Sir, on what basis the number was reduced to five?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Sir, questions are being repeated. I have already answered that question.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: The question has already been answered.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): With reference to the answer to part (*e*) of the question, may I know why the approved number of *Vaidyasalas* was not opened during 1105?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): After provision was made in the Budget, Government have been in correspondence with the Inspector of Ayurveda as regards the location of these *Vaidyasalas*. The Inspector of Ayurveda had made certain recommendations in the matter. The Government had before them numerous applications also. So, the whole question had to be referred back to the Inspector and reviewed. Government finally decided on opening two *vaidyasalas* and the question of locating the remaining ones is under consideration.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Am I to understand that for twelve months the final recommendation of the Departmental Head has not been received in this matter?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): That is how it is.

District Road Boards of Kottayam and Alwaye.

38. MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the District Boards of Kottayam and Alwaye have sent to the Road Board any list of public works to be conducted in the Shertallai taluk during the year 1106;

(*b*) if so, whether they will lay on the table a list of those works;

(*c*) whether the Road Board has decided what works have to be conducted in the Shertallai taluk during the year 1106;

(*d*) if so, whether they will lay on the table a statement showing those works and the amount to be spent for each;

(*e*) whether any from Shertallai or from the neighbouring coastal taluks are on the Road Board; and

(*f*) if so, who they are?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The works recommended by the Alwaye District Board are:—

1. Opening branch roads from Shertallai:—
   (i) Improving the Thrichattukulam-Chenganda road up to Taikattusseri.
   (ii) Improving the Taikattusseri-Makal road and the Taikattusseri-Turavur road.
2. Providing laterite pitching to the Alleppey-Shertallai-Arur road, miles 20 to 29.

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